

REMARKS

Claims 19-38 are pending in the application, of which Claims 19, 22 and 23 are written in independent form. Claims 19-21, 23-24, 26-29, 31-32 and 35-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Wu et al. (U.S. PGPUB 2004/0203946). Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu in view of Kang et al. (U.S. PGPUB 2002/0152220). Claims 25 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu in view of Discolo et al. (U.S. PGPUB 2001/0054072).

Initially, it is noted that the earliest filing date of Wu et al. is August 19, 2002, and the priority dates of the present application are September 16, 2002 and September 9, 2003. Filed herewith is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 antedating Wu et al., and thus disqualifying Wu et al. as a reference.

Also filed herewith are certified English language translations of the priority documents, KPA Nos. 2002-56167 and 2003-63340, for perfecting the priority claim.

Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of any and all rejections based all or in part on Wu et al. must be withdrawn.

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Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 19-38, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. M. Owens III', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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